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IN THE SPECIFICATION

The following paragraph in the Specification is amended as shown:

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[0004] Generating symmetric keys among distributed appliances, includes
[0059] generating public and private values on[[e]] at least one appliance, importing a
public value from another appliance via an out-of-band entity, and generating a
secret value as a function of the private value corresponding to the local appliance
and the public value received from the other appliance.